

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Oversee Demolition of Another "Zombie House" in Mastic

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 22, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico were present for the demolition of another "zombie house" in Mastic. This vacant eyesore located at 99 Hampton Avenue is the fourth abandoned and derelict house that has been demolished by the Town in the last four weeks. The house was a public safety hazard with a history of violations of New York State Building and Fire Prevention Codes, as well as Town of Brookhaven Codes. It was in a severely deteriorated condition, with a rotted wood frame and an enclosed rear porch that has collapsed. The house was demolished by the Town's Department of Waste Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The

cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner.

The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner. Supervisor Romaine said, "I am happy to once again join Councilman Panico in Mastic as he improves the quality of life for the residents who live near these dangerous eyesores. I will continue to work with him and the entire Town Board to help clean up the Town one neighborhood at a time."

"One of the most meaningful things that we, as elected officials can do, is to help ensure the health, safety and welfare of our constituents," said Councilman Panico. "We do that by taking down unsightly and unsafe structures such as 99 Hampton Avenue that pose a serious threat to residential neighborhoods where we are committed to giving people the quality of life that they deserve – this work will continue."

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